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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-57 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-4, 29-32, and 57, drawn to processing data from modems, classified in class 375, subclass 222.
 - II. Claims 5, 6, 33, and 34, drawn to determining data based on a programmable gain amplifier setting, classified in class 330, subclass 254.
 - III. Claims 7, 8, 35, and 36, drawn to determining a filter compensated data array based on a frequency domain filter function, classified in class 375, subclass 350.
 - IV. Claims 9, 10, 37, and 38, drawn to time and frequency domain equalization, classified in class 375, subclass 229.
 - V. Claims 11, 12, 25-28, 39, 40 and 53-56 drawn to estimating a signal-to-noise ratio and estimating a data rate based on a signal-to-noise ratio, classified in class 702, subclass 69.
 - VI. Claims 13, 14, 41, and 42, drawn to estimating a loop length and bridged tap estimation based on a channel response, classified in class 375, subclass 340.
 - VII. Claims 15-24 and 43-52, drawn to detecting noise (disturbances) on a communication link, classified in class 375, subclass 346.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Group I refers to processing information received from modems. Group II refers to determining calibrated data based on a programmable gain amplifier setting. Group III refers to determining

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a filter compensated data array based on a frequency domain filter function. Group IV refers to reducing the effects of time and frequency domain equalization. Group V refers to estimating a signal-to-noise ratio and estimating a data rate based on a signal-to-noise ratio. Group VI refers to estimating a loop length and bridged tap estimation based on a channel response. Group VII refers to detecting noise (disturbances) on a communication link.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Curtis B. Odom whose telephone number is 571-272-3046. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571-272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Curtis Odom
July 22, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Chin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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